PROCEEDINGS

of the

Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment

Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Oregon

PORTLAND, OREGON

June 19, 20, 21, 1935

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL ORDERS AND PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE

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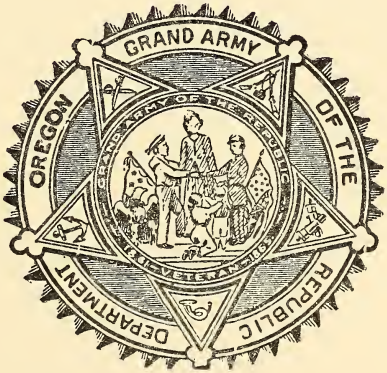

HELD AT

PORTLAND, OREGON

June 19, 20, 21, 1935

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

1934-1935

Department Commander ..... H. V. Gates
Senior Vice-Commander ..... J. W. Ridge
Junior Vice-Commander ..... George Knieriem
Medical Director ..... J. W. Jones
Chaplain ..... George A. Prentiss

OFFICIAL STAFF

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General ..... T. E. Hills
Officer of the Day ..... George Knieriem
Clerk ..... Ethel T. Baker

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

J. W. Jones
Henry Hopkins
J. G. Chambers
Delos Carpenter
D. W. Butler

GENERAL ORDERS

Headquarters, Department of Oregon
Grand Army of the Republic
Office of Assistant Adjutant General
Room 713, County Court House
Portland, Oregon

June 27, 1934.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1—Series 1934-1935

1. The 53rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Astoria, Oregon, June 19, 20, and 21, having re-elected me to the honorable position of Department Commander, I again assume the duties of the Office, with profound sense of the important duties entrusted to me and the responsibilities resting upon me in the faithful discharge of same.

2. The following named Comrades were elected officers of the Department:

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

J. W. Ridge—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

George Knieriem—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

J. W. Jones—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland

CHAPLAIN

George A. Prentiss—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

J. W. Jones—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland
Delos Carpenter—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland
Henry Hopkins—Shiloh Post No. 77 .....Newberg, Oregon
J. G. Chambers—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland
D. W. Butler—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland

3. The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

T. E. Hills—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland

OFFICER OF THE DAY

George Knieriem—Sumner Post No. 12 .....Portland

4. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

5. Additional appointments will be announced in subsequent Orders.

6. All official communications should be addressed to T. E. Hills, Assistant Adjutant General, 713 County Court House, Portland, Oregon.

By Command of,

(Official): H. V. GATES,
T. E. HILLS, Department Commander.
Asst. Adjutant General.

July 20, 1934.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2—Series 1934-1935

The Sixty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Rochester, N. Y., on August 12-18, 1934. National Headquarters will be at Hotel Seneca.

Following is the train schedule:

Lv. Portland via Union Pacific (Portland Rose) 9:35 P. M., Wednesday, August 8th.

Ar. Chicago 8:45 A. M., Saturday, Aug. 11th.

Lv. Chicago—New York Central—9:50 A. M., Saturday, Aug. 11th.

Ar. Rochester—New York Central—11:40 P. M., Saturday, Aug. 11th.

Lower Pullman Tourist Berth—Portland to Chicago..$8.25

Upper Pullman Tourist Berth—Portland to Chicago....$6.60

The round trip fare from Portland to Rochester and return will be $84.03. Railroad tickets will have return limit of October 1st, and passengers must reach starting point prior to midnight of that date. Stopovers will be allowed on going and return trips within final limit, and passengers may also return via some other line if they so desire.

We have been granted this special rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets to be sold only on presentation of Identification Certificate, August 3d to 13th, inclusive.

IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES MAY BE SECURED BY ADDRESSING T. E. HILLS, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, 713 COUNTY COURT HOUSE, PORTLAND.

Following are the hotel arrangements for the G. A. R. Convention at Rochester:

Headquarters at Hotel Seneca. Double bed and bath $5.00 and $6.00—No Singles.

Hayward, opposite Seneca, single $2.00 and double $3.00 and $3.50 with running water. Double with bath $3.50 and $4.00. Twin beds with bath $5.00.

Cadillac, single with bath $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00. Double with bath $3.00 and $4.00.

Ford, single without bath $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50; with bath $2.00. Double without bath $2.00 and $2.50; with bath $3.00.

The convention hall is fifteen hundred feet from the Seneca. Seperate meetings of the G. A. R. will be held at the Lyceum Theatre, adjacent the Seneca.

By Command of,

H. V. GATES,
Department Commander.

(Official):
T. E. HILLS,
Asst. Adjutant General.

May 6th, 1935.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3—Series 1934-1935.

1. The Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Portland, Oregon, June 19, 20 and 21, 1935.

2. The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters, Room 713, County Court House, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 19th, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

3. The Encampment will convene at 11:00 o'clock A. M., June 19th, in Room 723, County Court House.

4. The railroad lines in the State of Oregon have arranged to sell tickets to members of the G. A. R. and dependent members of their families, from all points in Oregon to Portland daily, June 15th to 21st, inclusive, at a round-trip rate of one first-class one-way fare, return limit 30 days from date of

sale, but an identification certificate must be presented to the railroad agent in order to obtain the low fare. To procure said certificate please communicate with Mrs. E. T. Baker, 713 County Court House, Portland, Oregon.

5. Quartermasters and Clerks will please see that their per capita is paid before the Encampment.

6. Wherever Comrades of the Civil War, by reason of age or other disabilities, cannot undertake the duties of Memorial Day, they should arrange with some Veteran Organization to assume these duties, and work with them.

Memorial Day is consecrated to those who sacrificed for our country, and what it represents. We can best honor them, by living clean and honorable lives, dedicated to those faiths and principles for which they lived and died.

By Command of,

(Official): H. V. GATES,
T. E. HILLS, Department Commander.
Asst. Adjutant General.

MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 19, 1935

COMMANDER GATES—I now declare the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Oregon, open for such business as may come before it.

Invocation by Past Department Commander, J. G. Chambers.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

For the fifty-fourth time the Grand Army of the Republic Department of Oregon is assembled. I extend to you a hearty greeting. One year ago for the third time you elected me to the office of Department Commander. I take this opportunity to thank each and all for this high honor you bestowed on me—overlook the failures and extend me your pardon.

None of our Comrades desire the position of Adjutant General. We are now breaking the regulations in that position. It were better if the Encampment would authorize the Com-

mander to appoint someone outside of Grand Army to fill that position.

August 30, 1934—I met with the Southern Oregon Veterans' Association, held at Medford; also July 12, one of like character held at Eugene; also the same at Salem. Met with the Washington State Encampment held at Everett, the American Legion Convention at Astoria, and delivered the Memorial address at Grants Pass on May 30th, 1935. I have been an invited guest at receptions given the National Presidents of the Women's Relief Corps, of the Daughters of Union Veterans and the National Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Lincoln Day, February 12th and many banquets and meetings of Veterans of Foreign Wars. American Legion, Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., and several posts in State of Washington. At each of these I made long and short speeches, and as a representative of the G. A. R. I received many attentions and honors. I learned that the G. A. R. has a higher standing with the public than any other Veterans organization, and we should so conduct ourselves that there will be no lowering of that standard.

In the interest of preventing any reduction in the state appropriation of $400 to us, I went to Salem and interviewed the Ways and Means Committee of the Legislature—all dear friends of mine, and received the assurance it would remain as it is.

On all of these trips I paid all my expenses and not going to the National Encampment of 1934 there was saved to the Department $100, so my incumbency of office has not added any expense to the Department, but has saved it much expense.

The attendance at our Encampments is steadily decreasing. Comrades thru age disabilities, losing physical strength and ambition so necessary to stimulate attendance, and when in session, there being no vital issue for attending the meetings, others are attracted to the pleasanter meetings of our Auxiliaries and other entertaining amusements. I advise the discontinuence of Encampment, but in lieu, each year hold a one-day meeting at Portland to elect a Commander, audit accounts, and to keep alive our organization and our Auxiliaries will hold conventions where those desiring entertainment can find it.

Invitations to all G. A. R. members to attend any and all conventions of Veterans' Associations have been numerous and enthusiastically made, we should in the same spirit accept

them, their members are dedicated to the same principles and love of country that we are and we should be as one, as an organization.

Decreasing membership in many G. A. R. Posts is rapidly rendering them unable to maintain their organization, and they are ceasing to exist. Regulations provide that the charters shall be returned to the Adjutant General, there being no depository for them, and finally they reach some furnace to be destroyed. I have advised that whenever the W. R. C. or some Auxiliary makes a request for them and promises to take good care of them, to make them the depository. However, if the National Administration demands a return to the Adjutant General, it must be done.

We should be pleased to have the American Legion or other kindred bodies assume the duties (heretofore assumed by us) of conducting Memorial Services. We cannot ignore the fact that we are physically disqualified from doing so any longer.

Briefly I have recounted what your humble Commander has done during the year past, and am ready to transfer the duties of Department Commander to some Comrade. I have had a pleasant year, receiving help, approval, and good cheer from my Comrades, for which I am thankful, and as a member in the ranks, I pledge myself to the G. A. R. May God bless and protect you.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

H. V. GATES,
Department Commander.

J. G. Chambers—I will address the Sr. Vice-Commander. I believe this report of our Commander should have the recognition of the body assembled this morning and I move that we give a rising vote of thanks. Many seconds. Motion carried.

COMMANDER GATES—I assure you, I thank you for that kind demonstration.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER

Our able Commander has been so active, that scarcely anything has been really needed from me.

With hardly any active Posts keeping up regular meetings, aside from one, no visiting was needed.

I have visited some of our honored Auxiliaries, and am much pleased with their work, and gratified with their efforts in keeping alive and increasing the spirit of patriotism.

Their work and efforts are to be much commended.

For the honor conferred on me in this position, I return my thanks.

J. W. RIDGE,

Senior Vice-Commander.

GEORGE KNIERIEM, Junior Vice-Commander—I have no written report. I have been on the sick list but I have visited a few of the Auxiliaries when I could. I was well pleased with the manner they carried on their work. That is as far as I can go with a report.

D. W. BUTLER—I move that a copy of our Department Commander's Report be submitted to the Oregonian and Journal for publication. Several seconds. Motion carried.

J. C. COOPER—I was present at the organization of the Oregon Department and I believe there is no one else, nor has been for some years, that was present fifty-four years ago, and, while I am not boasting of this, I feel that I would like to take a part in the closing of the administration, if it is to be closed, and make some suggestions to the Department Commander to transmit our valuables to some one who will care for them, so that the work we have done will continue to live on and on. I move that the Commander appoint a committee to formulate plans to carry on the work that was started by the Grand Army. Motion seconded and carried.

J. C. THOMPSON—Sumner Post No. 12 has already made plans to have our archives placed on the Battleship Oregon. I think it is a splendid idea. There they will be visible to all people in the State. It is the idea to make the Battleship a museum.

GIDEON STOLZ—Sedgwick Post will have to surrender its charter in a few months. I was going to ask at this meeting of the Department to return to us our charter and we would in turn give it to the W. R. C. If it is decided as this Comrade has suggested we will not make the request.

Mrs. Lockwood has retraced all the names on the charter and it is in good shape. I suggest this matter be made a special order tomorrow and these Comrades be consulted. I make this a motion. If this State will allow all this work we have

done in the last fifty-four years amount to nothing as far as history is concerned, I think it reflects very much upon our ability. Motion seconded and carried.

J. G. CHAMBERS—If you would read carefully the Constitution and By-Laws you would see at the demise of the Grand Army of the Republic no other organization can assume its duties. The only people that can take its place in any form is the W. R. C., and the Sons of Union Veterans. We can not do it until we change what General Logan and his wife devised.

C. M. EICHLER—The Sons of Veterans are busy and have no time to look after our affairs but we have an organization known as the Daughters of Union Veterans who are taking up this work and going to perfect it and I say that the Daughters should be the Auxiliary of the G. A. R., from now on. The Daughters of the American Revolution are still carrying on and I believe our daughters will do the same by us.

J. C. COOPER—Every patriotic nation under the sun is extending their hands to the G. A. R., and we should welcome them all. I think we should go to each and every one of them and pull them in.

J. G. CHAMBERS—I want to make a statement of the treatment I received in a church on Sunday preceding Memorial Day. I went there to attend a Memorial service for Dr. Hall. There were two other Comrades with me. Our names were taken by a clerk and given to some one else to read. We were informed we were not to open our mouths. Dr. Hall's name was not mentioned. The minister who preached the service said that in a very short time there would be no Memorial Day, it will be Armistice Day. What do you think of that? I have always visited the schools before Memorial Day but this year I was informed that I was not to say anything. Is that showing respect for what I have done and what you have done in saving this country? No.

COMMANDER GATES—I think the hour is approaching when we are due down stairs to be taken to the Masonic Temple for lunch.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:00 A. M., Thursday.

MORNING SESSION
May 20, 1935

Meeting was opened by prayer by the Department Chaplain, G. A. Prentiss.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT

Portland, Ore., June 15, 1935.

Balance on Hand June 16, 1934	$255.46
State Appropriation	400.00
Per Capita Tax	31.85
Received for Cuts	8.12
Drum Corps Refund	10.00
Coupons	12.37
W. R. C. Check	35.00
Boxing Commission	47.51
Markers	2.50
Supplies	.75

Disbursements

Hotel Astoria	$ 29.44	
Stenographer at Astoria	6.00	
Express on Flag at Astoria	.44	
Bates-Lively & Co., Bond for Clerk	2.50	
Safety Box	3.30	
Premium and Accrued Interest on Purchase of Bonds	6.58	
United Foundry for Markers	3.00	
Per Capita Tax to National	3.44	
Identification Certificates	11.62	
St. Louis Button Co. for Badges	20.80	
Salary to E. T. Baker	411.63	
Stamps	8.00	
Envelopes	.60	
Printing	112.37	
Bank Charge	.58	
	$620.30	$620.30
Cash on Hand and in Bank		$183.26
Liberty Bonds		600.00
		$783.26

Allocation to Hibernia Bank.....$162.00

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. HILLS,
Quartermaster General.

COMMANDER GATES—It has been the usual practice to pass on all reports but all Comrades have requested me not to put them on any committee so with your permission I think we will not appoint any. The books have been audited and the Council of Arministration have passed on them and also on the report and I don't know why this Encampment should not pass on it. It is up to you to have these committees or not. We have here on the desk a number of copies of the Journal of 1933 and 1934, if any of you want them and we also have a few programs left.

J. C. THOMPSON—I move the reports be received and approved by the Encampment and placed on file. Several seconds. Motion carried.

The following Resolution was read:

WHEREAS, The members of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic realize that the duties incumbent upon them previous to, and during the Department Encampment, are becoming too arduous in their advancing years, and that all necessary business connected with the annual work could be transacted in one day, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That an annual meeting for the purpose of electing Department Officers, auditing accounts, and attending to any business coming before it, and as substitute for the annual Encampments be held at the Headquarters of the G. A. R. in Portland on the second Tuesday of May each year hereafter, and that the state annual Encampment be discontinued.

(Signed) J. G. CHAMBERS.

J. C. COOPER—Department Commander, I would be in favor of something of that kind for our Department but I rather object to one day. I am willing to have the meeting in Portland but I believe we should have more than one day to transact our business.

COMMANDER GATES—I find considerable misunderstanding. Many think it is the expiring groan of the G. A. R. We are merely substituting a regular day to meet each year and a regular place. There are fifty-four Comrades here today and we feel that Portland will attract the largest delegation. In having an Encampment there is a lot of expense incurred which is unnecessary. Of course, we don't have to economize, but I think it is always a good thing to have a little balance and not be in the red. I think there should be something left in the future to pass on to the W. R. C., and I think at some future time that provision should be made.

Commander Gates read a letter of greeting from Past Department Commander W. M. Colvig.

Gideon Stolz was in favor of the one day session in May if they would dispense with the business as quickly as possible and make the day full of pleasure for the Comrades. He wanted more spacious quarters and comfortable chairs. He also spoke of the G. A. R. Circle which has been sponsored by Sedgwick Post. That they wanted to raise $500.00 for the upkeep of this plot and this was underway in the hands of a good strong committee. They expected to have the fund raised shortly and turned over to the trust fund.

D. W. BUTLER—There is a question before the house. During the last month I have been asked by every one "what is the Grand Army going to do?" I expect I may be responsible for some of the rumors that have been going about in regard to the Grand Army going out. This motion before the house makes a man feel a good deal like attending his own funeral. I think the only feasible thing to do is to adopt that Resolution as it stands. I have no fears for the Grand Army. It will live on and on and the old Flag will live on and on.

C. M. EICHLER—As I am a represenattive of Geary Post as their Commander, I will say there has been a great deal of pressure placed on me to try and see that the G. A. R. is kept going. I think we are the second largest Post in the State. We have thirteen members but we now can never get over three out except on a special occasion.

Comrade J. C. Thompson asked for a re-reading of the Resolution before the Encampment. Commander Gates complied with his request.

Comrade Cooper made the suggestion that we could have an organization composed of nine members consisting of three from the G. A. R., three from the Spanish War Veterans, and three from the World War organization. When the G. A. R. passed on the Sons of Union Veterans to serve in their stead. This joint committee to issue Memorial Day Orders or any other business necessary and the proceedings sent to the State Library of Oregon.

J. W. RIDGE—I understand the motion before the house is whether we adopt the Resolution as it is or whether we don't. For myself I am very much in favor of it. I think we should adopt it and do so at once.

Commander Gates called for a standing vote and all present stood with the exception of two. Motion carried.

Comrade C. A. Williams, Past Commander of the Sons of Veterans, was admitted and introduced, and he presented Commander Gates with a beautiful bouquet of red, white and blue flowers.

Comrade Williams displayed a map showing the plot of the Grand Army Cemetery in Portland, wherein rest some three hundred or four hundred of our Comrades. He explained that several years ago there wos a fund set aside and now a trust fund taking care of the cemetery and that as long as there was a son or a grandson left the plot would be well taken care of.

Sister Ethel Andrews, Past Department President of the Daughters, was admitted, and introduced, and presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the universe, in his infinite wisdom, created man and placed him upon earth for a definite purpose. Without respect to race, color, or condition of servitude, when his purpose has been fulfilled, he is called to his Maker to answer to Him who doeth all thinks well, And,

WHEREAS, That servitude of man is divided into many classes, the noblest of which is in the service of country, the Flag and the home. In the great Civil War our fathers fought for the preservation of these principles that the United States of America might be saved intact, that slavery might be abolished from the land and freedom endure. The Light of God illumined the way and they were led to a glorious victory. Many perished in the conflict, while others passed down through the years to be called from time to time as He saw fit to take them unto Himself. Having granted the alloted span of life to many of these heroes that the lessons of liberty might be passed down to future generations He is now sounding the last Bugle Call and ere the dawn of the morrow the last will have answered the summons and passed in review before the Great Commander. And,

WHEREAS, That the sacred memory of these brave defenders of country, Flag and home be perpetuated, that their great works may be carried on and their deeds be not forgotten, And,

WHEREAS, Cushing Post No. 14, Grand Army of the Republic, has but two living members, And,

WHEREAS, Numbered with the seventy (70) members of Clara Barton Tent No. 4, Daughters of Civil War Veterans, are seven (7) daughters and four (4) granddaughters of de-

ceased members of above named Grand Army of the Republic. Also several sons and grandsons of these members who are members of the Sons of Civil War Veterans. And,

WHEREAS, It is the prayer of the Sons and Daughters of Civil War Veterans of Astoria, Oregon, that the annual Memorial Services of the Grand Army of the Republic be perpetuated. THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That when it becomes necessary for Cushing Post No. 14 to surrender its Charter, That the Charter and Effects of the Cushing Post No. 14, Grand Army of the Republic, Astoria, Oregon, be entrusted to the care and custody of Clara Barton Tent, No. 4, Daughters of Civil War Veterans, Astoria, Oregon, whose members are true and lineal decendants of Civil War Veterans. Also be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons and Daughters of Civil War Veterans, Astoria, Oregon, be authorized and empowered to pay honor and tribute to our paternal heroes by extending the regular Grand Army services in accordance with the Ritual of that Order on each Memorial Day. Also, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions be presented at the regular meeting in Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 18, 1935, that a copy be spread upon the records of Clara Barton Tent, No. 4, Daughters of Civil War Veterans, Astoria, Oregon, and a copy spread upon the records of Russel C. Martin Camp, No. 9, Sons of Civil War Veterans, Astoria, Oregon.

Passed and approved by Russell C. Martin Camp No. 9, Sons of Civil War Veterans, Astoria, Oregon, at regular meeting, June 7, 1935.

ORA BERRY, Commander.
DON ANDREWS, Secretary.

Passed and aprpoved by Clara Barton Tent, No. 4, Daughters of Civil War Veterans, Astoria, Oregon, at special meeting, June, 1935.

MAE GOLDBECK, President.
ETHEL ANDREWS, Sec. Pro Tem.

COMMANDER GATES—Mrs. Andrews, this Encampment has no authority to do this. Your Resolution is out of order We are governed by certain rules and regulations. I have taken it upon myself in a few instances, where all concerned are agreeable, to allow the disbanded Post to place their Charter temporarily in the hands of the W. R. C., or Daughters,

but we are really not obeying the laws. It is simply a temporary depository. If the National demands its return to the Department it should be done.

The time having arrived for the election of officers, Comrade Cooper nominated the present encumbents. There were several seconds and the Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for the present encumbents.t

There having been a vacancy in the Council of Arministration, thru the death of Comrade Delos Carpenter, Comrade Chambers placed in nomination the name of J. C. Cooper. He was elected by a unanimous standing vote.

The election of delegates to the National Encampment was in order. Comrades Z. T. Bryant and P. F. McLain being the only two present who considered attending, were duly elected, the balance of the delegates to be named at a later dat.e.

T. E. HILLS—As Quartermaster General of this Department, I want to make a motion that the Department Commander instruct some one to go over the books of Mrs. Baker and myself to see that they are correct and know just how we stand. Motion seconded and carried.

J. C. Thomson, as Commander of Sumner Post No. 12, invited all members of disbanded Posts to become members of Sumner and meet with them every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the County Court House, Portland.

Commander Gates read the following telegrams:

Medford, Oregon, June 20, 1935.

Oregon Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Portland, Oregon.

Medford Post American Legion sends you greetings. It shall ever be our aim to maintain the same high standard of citizenship and unselfish service your organization has sponsored and expressed in action these many years.

MEDFORD POST No. 15, AMERICAN LEGION,
I. E. FOY, Commander.

Newport, Oregon, June 20, 1935.

Encampment Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Oregon, Portland, Oregon.

Kindly convey to all G. A. R. Veterans our most cordial greetings and sincere good wishes. Assure all a hearty wel-

come at our State Encampment here July 17 to 13. Yours in Comradeship.

15th ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF OREGON.

Following letter also read:

Hood River, Oregon, June 18, 1935.

Mr. H. V. Gates, Commander Oregon Department, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir:

Comrade Sanford Smith, the sole surviving member of Canby Post No. 16, G. A. R. of Hood River, requests that I write you expressing his regrets that he will not be able to attend the Encampment, and is especially sorry since this seems to be the last of the annual gatherings that have meant so much to the Boys in Blue.

He also wishes to express his very great appreciation of the assistance rendered him and those of his Comrades who have gone on before him, by the Sons of Union Veterans and the Women's Relief Corps.

Yours very truly,

A. B. CASH, Commander, S. of U. V.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

June 20, 1935

The Encampment having been again called to order Corrade Chambers made a motion that $5.00 be divided between the janitor and the elevator operators for the extra service they were giving during the Encampment. Motion seconded and carried.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

To H. V. Gates, Commander of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R.

Commander:

In accordance with the requirements of the Rules and

Regulations of the Order, I have the honor to submit to you the following report:

We have 21 Posts in the Department with a membership of 162.

Reports show that we have lost by death in the past year seventeen Comrades.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

T. E. HILLS,
Assistant Adjutant General.

A delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was escorted into the room. After a few well chosen remarks they presented the Comrades with cigars. Comrade Chambers responded in his usual elequent manner.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. presented the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That we the Ladies of the Grand Army at our Thirty-seventh Convention now in session in Portland, Oregon, go on record as favoring the continuation of the G. A. R. meetings and Conventions as long as one dear Comrade remains to represent our Grand Republic,

WHEREAS, We have voted unanimously that the G. A. R. still retain their glorious name as a patriotic inspiration to the younger generation which is so muchly needed in the present crises.

BLANCHE HOFFMAN,
HATTIE H. OLSEN,
SUSAN HAMMOND.

J. C. Thomson made a motion that all Charters of the Posts disbanded be turned over to the Assistant Adjutant General. Motion seconded by J. W. Ridge. Carried.

COMMANDER GATES—It seems to me that before anything of that kind is done that there should be a suitable depository for these. I understand the Battleship Oregon is to be moved to a new location. Have we any assurance that our records will be taken care of there?

I want to say that in my opinion there is considerable due the W. R. C. from the G. A. R. More than we can ever repay. I have thought if it was any pleasure to them to have the Charters they would be going into good hands and they in turn would pass them on to some other organization that

would take good care of them. In their hands they would have a value. That is the reason that I issued not an order but gave it as my suggestion that the W. R. C. take them.

A delegation of eighteen from the Sons of Union Veterans was admitted. Department Commander Baker of the Sons spoke briefly and introduced the newly elected Commander, Frederick K. Davis, who pledged his support to the G. A. R.

Comrade Cooper responded to the Sons.

A delegation was received from the Ladies Auxiliary of the National Mail Carriers. They presented a beautiful basket of flowers, with a few well chosen remarks.

Comrade J. C. Thomson responded.

Mustered Out

The following named Comrades of the various reports of the Department have answered the last roll call during the year and joined their Comrades who have gone before to the land beyond death's river:

George Wright Post No. 1

Henry C. York
Alex Johnson
J. I. Imel
J. G. Schumerstein
L. M. Stegner

McPherson Post No. 5

John R. Bray

J. W. Geary Post No. 7

R. P. Endicott
T. M. Plank
Jacob Reap

Sedgwick Post No. 10

Chas. Woolpert

Sumner Post No. 12

J. G. Barber
Delos Carpenter
A. Bartholomew

Canby Post No. 16

C. I. Aagers

Ellsworth Post No. 19

Moses Miller

Joe Hooker Post No. 20

Andrew G. Grove

Appomattox Post No. 34

Henry C. Fuson (Last Member and Post Disbanded)
Rev. B. J. Hoadley (Formerly Member Lincoln-Garfield Post No. 3)

Comrade McLain made a motion that the officers be installed at this time. Many seconds. Motion carried.

Comrade Cooper was appointed installing officer.

Commander Gates appointed P. F. McLain as Assistant Adjutant General with Mrs. Baker acting as Clerk.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 11:30 A. M., June 21st.

MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 21, 1935

Comrade Kellogg spoke of the wonderful treatment accorded the Grand Army by the Spanish War Veterans during the Encampment and made a motion they be extended a vote of thanks and also a vote of thanks to be given their Auxiliary. Motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to send notes of appreciation to all organizations and individuals who had in any way helped to make the Encampment a success.

A delegation was received from the W. R. C. Ellenore Zeller, the Department President, in her charming manner, presented the following Past Department Presidents of the Corps, and each in turn responded with brief remarks: Ida M. Babcock, President of fifty years ago; Fannie H. Lounsbury; Minnie T. Horseman, Past National President; Jennie C. Bentley, Cora McBride, Myrtle R. James, Iva R. Scobee, Minda S. Slattery, Nellie M. Fleck, Orpha Carlile, Florence E. Shipp and Hilda McEachern.

Gifts were presented to the Comrades and cigars were passed after which the delegation retired.

The Daughters of Union Veterans were announced, they having arrived in a body.

Estella N. Weed, the Department President, expressed her pleasure in being able to bring so many daughters to visit the Grand Army and in turn introduced Past National President, Sister Grace Hurd and Sister Mary Manning, National Council Member of the Daughters.

A gift was presented to each Comrade.

On motion the Encampment was adjourned.

T. E. HILLS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

PROGRAM

CAMP FIRE—Shattuck School Auditorium

L. L. Baker, Chairman

Invocation ..... Dr. John Dawson

"America" ..... Audience

Greetings from City Officials

Venetian Sextette, under direction of Catherine Covach Fredericks Director and Accompanist.

(a) Medley in the South ..... By Harris

(b) Parade of the Wooden Soldier ..... By Jessel

(c) Bells of St. Marys ..... Arranged by Adams

Address ..... Judge Jas. Crawford

Introduction of State Heads.

Whistling Solo—Selected ..... Ethel James

Benediction.

Ushers—Sons of Veterans.